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**AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
Asbury Park Conference, June 26-July 1  
**PROGRAM**

GENERAL SESSIONS

**First Session, Monday, June 26, 8 P. M.**  
Greetings from M. Taylor Pyne, chairman  
New Jersey Public Library Commission.  
President's address: Mary Wright Plummer,  
principal New York Public Library  
School.

**Second Session, Tuesday, June 27, 10 A. M.**  
Business, reports, etc.

How the community educates itself—Arthur Elmore Bostwick, librarian St. Louis  
Public Library.

Leadership through learning — William  
Warner Bishop, librarian University of  
Michigan.

Children's reading — John Jay Chapman,  
New York.

Democracy in modern fiction—Mary Ogden  
White, Summit, N. J.

**Third Session, Thursday, June 29, 10 A. M.**  
Business, reports, etc.

Modern drama as an expression of democracy — Robert Gilbert Welsh, dramatic  
critic "New York Telegram."

The new poetry and democracy—Jessie B.  
Rittenhouse, New York.

Some of the people we work for — John  
Foster Carr, director Immigration Pub-  
lication Society, New York.

**Fourth Session, Friday, June 30, 8:15 P. M.**  
Symposium: The American public as seen  
from the circulation desk — Edith Tobitt  
(Omaha), Louise Prouty (Cleveland),  
Catherine Van Dyne (Newark), Paul M.  
Paine (Syracuse).

Establishing libraries under difficulties —  
Mabel Wilkinson, Greeley, Colo.

Times past (illustrated by slides) — Frederick W. Faxon, Boston.

**Fifth Session, Saturday, July 1, 10 A. M.**  
Business, reports, etc.

The public library as affected by municipal  
retrenchment — Frederick C. Hicks, law  
librarian Columbia University, New York.

How Ontario manages her free libraries —  
E. A. Hardy, secretary Ontario Library  
Association.

The larger publicity—J. L. Wheeler, libra-  
rian Reuben McMillan Free Library,  
Youngstown, Ohio.

Analysis of library legislation—W. H. Brett,  
librarian Cleveland Public Library.

Unfinished business; report of resolutions  
committee; report of tellers of election;  
adjournment.

Topics for discussion at the council meet-  
ings will be Libraries' relation with book  
publishers and dealers, The library's part in  
the Americanization of the immigrant, and  
a question-box on Heating, lighting and ven-  
tilation.

Each of the sections and affiliated bodies  
will hold one or more meetings. The League  
of Library Commission will have papers on

Book wagon delivery, Library institutes, Field work of the North Dakota Library Commission as outlined by the Educational Survey, and round tables on Library and school co-operation and Traveling library problems.

The chief topic of the School Libraries Section will be The national campaign for better school libraries.

The A. L. A. Bulletin for May gives full information as to travel arrangements, hotels and entertainment. The attractions offered include an afternoon trip to Princeton, an automobile drive up the coast, informal dancing, golf and tennis.

#### SUMMER LIBRARY SCHOOL

The registration for the course in library training has reached the limit of 50 students, the majority of whom are preparing for work in High School libraries.

Many applicants from other states have been turned away because of lack of room.

The special course in children's literature by Mrs. Gudrun Thorne-Thomsen of Riverside, Ill., will be open to anyone interested in library work with children. Former students of the school and any Minnesota librarians are cordially invited to attend these lectures, which are offered as supplementary work. The rare quality of Mrs. Thomsen's personality and work insures a course which will be thoroughly worth while. The lectures will be given June 26-July 8, every afternoon at three o'clock in Room 117, College of Education.

#### Outline of Program.

##### 1st week—June 12-16.

Classification, cataloging, Miss Barden. Book-selection, Miss Baldwin, Miss Wilson. Binding and mending, Miss Wilson. June 13, Visit to Waldorf Bindery.

##### 2nd week—June 19-23.

Cataloging, classification, Miss Barden. Book-selection, Miss Baldwin, Miss Wilson. Reference work, Miss Wilson.

##### 3rd and 4th weeks—June 26-July 8.

Cataloging, classification, Miss Barden. Reference work, Miss Wilson. Administration, Miss Baldwin. School library administration, Miss Wilson. 3 p. m. Children's literature, Mrs. Thorne-Thomsen. July 4, Holiday.

##### 5th week—July 10-14.

Cataloging, classification, Miss Barden. Reference work, Miss Wilson. Children's work, Miss Wilson. July 11 and 13, Library visits.

##### 6th week—July 17-21.

Cataloging, Miss Barden. Order, accession, mechanical preparation, Miss Haven. July 20, Examination.

#### MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Library Association will be held in Virginia, Minn., September 6-8, 1916. The tentative program which follows offers a variety of attractions, not the least of which will be the opportunity to visit the interesting Range country and inspect its splendid chain of libraries. The executive committee has been most fortunate in securing as the chief speaker Dr. E. A. Steiner, Professor of Applied Christianity, Grinnell College, Iowa, whose works on the immigrant, especially his autobiography—"From alien to citizen" have been so popular in all public libraries. His subject The Library and the Immigrant will be closely related to the work of the Range libraries, which have so large a patronage of foreign-born readers.

In addition to the work with foreigners, the program will be developed on the theme of Library administration, with special emphasis on business management, and an estimate of values, with one session devoted to the book symposium.

The program has been arranged so as to give time to see the most interesting sights of the Range, including a visit to the "largest white pine sawmill in the world," and the "largest open-pit mine in the world" at Hibbing, as well as the schools and libraries. There will also be a banquet the first evening followed by victrola music, songs and talks, and the illustrated lecture on Iron mining on the Mesabi Range by Mr. J. H. Hearding of Duluth, assistant general manager, Oliver Mining Co. and the ladies of the town will serve tea the following afternoon.

**Travel.** Those going via the Twin Cities should plan to take the night train for Duluth, leaving Minneapolis or St. Paul about 11 p. m. The roads have offered to furnish ample accommodations, and arrangements will be made with the Duluth, Mesabi and

Northern Ry. to run through cars and a special dining car to Virginia. It will be absolutely necessary to know how many to provide for, so that all who expect to attend are urged to send their names to the secretary of the association, Mr. R. L. Walkley, Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Hotels.** Arrangements have been made for special rates at the Ormonde and New Fay Hotels. The Ormonde Hotel has reserved accommodations for forty persons at the following rates: one person in a room, without bath, \$1.00; with bath, \$1.50; two persons in a room without bath, \$0.75 each; with bath, \$1.00 each; room with two beds accommodating three or four people, \$0.50 each. Reservations have been made at the New Fay Hotel for forty delegates at the same rates.

Meals may be obtained European plan at either of these hotels and at the cafeteria.

Those attending should notify Miss Mabel Newhard, Librarian, not later than September 1st in order to secure reservations, as the hotels are always crowded to the limit.

#### Tentative Program

Wednesday, Sept. 6, leave Duluth 7:40 a. m.  
Arrive Virginia 10:20 a. m.

Breakfast on train.

#### 2:30 First Session

Library Administration, Business Methods,  
Budgets, Financial Records, Reports.

Whence and Whither: An Appraisal.

Books for the Library: Their Cost and Dis-  
tribution.

6:30 Banquet.

8:30 Illustrated Lecture on Iron Mining on  
the Mesabi Range, by Mr. J. H. Hearing  
of Duluth, Asst. Gen. Manager Oliver Iron  
Mining Co.

#### Thursday, Sept. 7, 10 A. M., Second Session

Book Symposium.

Travel in the United States.

Chemistry, Geology, Engineering & Mining.

Art and Architecture.

Literature of the War.

The Librarian's Magazines.

2 to 4, Visit to Virginia & Rainy Lake Lum-  
ber Company and to Schools of Virginia.

4:30, Reception by Ladies of Virginia.

8:00, Lecture by Dr. E. A. Steiner, Grinnell  
College, Iowa, The Library and the Immi-  
grant.

#### Friday, Sept. 8, 9:30, Business Session

10:00, Automobile trip to Hibbing.

1 p. m., Luncheon by Library Board of Hib-  
bing.

3 p. m., Return to Virginia by automobiles.

4:20, Leave Virginia.

6:44, Arrive Duluth.

11:10, Leave Duluth.

#### TWIN CITY LIBRARY CLUB

The members of the Twin City Library Club were entertained at Shevlin Hall by the Staff of the University of Minnesota Li-  
brary on the evening of March 14, 1916. The affair was strictly social in character and each "stunt" given by members of the five institutions represented in the Club, aimed to be frivolous in tone.

The following was the "Program of Stunts:"

Historical exhibit, by the Minnesota His-  
torical Society.

Readings from Tennyson, by the Univer-  
sity of Minnesota Library.

A model book meeting, by the Minneapolis  
Public Library.

Interpretative dance, by the Minnesota  
Public Library Commission.

St. Paul's eight little maids, by the St.  
Paul Public Library.

Music during the evening was furnished  
by Mr. Heyl of the University Library.

After a short business session, the Club  
adjourned to the parlors where delicious re-  
freshments were served.

ETHEL I. BERRY,  
Secretary.

#### CLARA BALDWIN LIBRARY CLUB

The regular meeting of the Clara Baldwin  
Library Club was held at Hibbing, February  
24, 1916, with an attendance of 13 members.

It was voted that all foreign books be re-  
turned at once to the library to which they  
belong.

Miss McIlvaine was appointed by the pres-  
ident to look after the foreign book ex-  
change if possible, otherwise Miss Newhard  
volunteered to serve for the month of  
March.

Each library was instructed to send Miss  
McIlvaine at once a list of books in the lan-  
guage (a) wanted; (b) to loan. If a limited  
call send a collection of ten books instead  
of the full collection of 25.

Books in foreign collections of other libraries that need rebinding are to be returned to the library to which they belong.

Any book lost is to be paid for by the library losing the same and the library owning the book will replace it with another book.

Each library must notify Miss McIlvaine this week of all collections in their possession from other libraries, mentioning number of books and language.

Committees were appointed to select books in foreign languages as follows: Virginia—Finnish books, Norwegian books; Chisholm—Slovenian books; Hibbing—Italian and Swedish books; Eveleth—Yiddish books; Keewatin—Croatian books; Mt. Iron—Servian books.

It was decided that the first exchange of foreign books be made April 1, 1916.

The club voted to send protest to our representatives and senators against the Ayres bill, H. R. 4715, the secretary being instructed to write the protest in the name of the club.

The club also sent its approval of the Keating-Owen bill on child labor, to the Minnesota senators.

Miss Stebbins was instructed to continue correspondence with the Minnesota Art Commission regarding loan of picture exhibits for the following circuit: Eveleth, Virginia, Mt. Iron, Buhl, Chisholm, Hibbing, Nashwauk, Keewatin, Coleraine.

Miss Newhard read a letter from the Walker Art Galleries regarding exhibits.

Miss Massee's letter regarding book reviews and the A. L. A. Booklist was read.

Miss Stephens reported on the N. E. M. E. A. meeting in Duluth.

A five minute report on books and pamphlets in the classes from 100 through 900 was given by the different librarians.

At the close of the meeting, the club adjourned for luncheon which was served by Miss Hurlbert and Miss Frost in their apartments.

The Clara Baldwin Library Club met at the Eveleth Public Library, March 22, with representatives from the following libraries: Virginia, Mountain Iron, Buhl, Chisholm, Hibbing, Nashwauk, Keewatin, Gilbert and Eveleth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Letters from senators and representatives, in Congress, regarding the Keating-Owen Bill and the Ayres Bill were read.

Miss Stebbins was authorized to arrange with the Minnesota Art Society for an exhibit of pictures for the Range circuit.

Miss Frost opened the program with an account of the Baby Welfare Week held in Hibbing, in which the various agencies had taken an active part.

In reply to the query "What books shall we suggest after western stories?" Miss Stephens proposed books of travel full of adventure, relief expeditions, hunting trips and books of exploration, biography, etc. The following were a few titles mentioned: Powell's "End of the Trail," Muir's "Boyhood and Youth," Du Chaillu "In African Forest and Jungle," Cumming's "Lion Hunters," and Stewart's "Letters on an Elk Hunt."

Many phases of the work with social agencies might be discussed, but Miss Newhard brought out the importance of working with existing organizations. Especially desirable is it to anticipate the trend of interests that abundant material may be gathered in advance of the demand.

The invitation from the Chisholm staff for the next meeting was accepted.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon which was served by the Domestic Science department. The favors were miniature volumes of Shakespeare's dramas.

The regular April meeting of the Clara Baldwin Library Club was postponed until May 3. The meeting was held at the Chisholm Public Library and was open to the public. No business session was held.

The program consisted of story telling by the children's librarians with musical selections most ably rendered by Miss Park and her pupils. The musical numbers were greatly appreciated and added much to the success of the program.

With a paper on the "Origin of Story Telling," Miss Frost of Hibbing told in a most interesting manner of the beginnings of this ancient art. This was followed by a group of three stories, told very pleasingly by Miss Williams of Chisholm. To represent the type of story told to little children Miss Williams gave the "Ginger-bread Man," while "Snowdrop" and "Mouflou" were chosen to illustrate respectively a fairy story and a modern story.

Miss Wright of Virginia gave an interesting and inspiring talk on "Story telling for Mothers and Teachers," illustrating it by telling the delightful ballad story "From Saddle to Rags."

The program closed with a group of Uncle Remus stories by Miss Richardson of Eveleth. "The Wonderful Tar Baby Story" and "Old Mr. Rabbit, He's a Good Fisherman" were told in Miss Richardson's inimitable manner and were applauded so heartily that "The Awful Fate of Mr. Wolf" was given as an encore.

That grownups enjoy the telling of stories, as much as juvenile groups, was evidenced by the sympathetic and appreciative audience which listened to this program, which was one of the most successful and interesting that the club has held.

MARGARET HICKMAN,  
Secretary.

#### DISTRICT CLUB MEETINGS

Miss Pringle represented the Library Commission at the meeting of the third district in LeSueur, April 19th. Miss Gladstone, librarian of Carleton College, is president of this district and library interests were emphasized. Mrs. A. E. Cadwell, of LeSueur, gave a talk on "By-products of Reading" and Mrs. M. J. Frey, of Nicollet, spoke on The Library in the Community, reporting that the library established by the Woman's Club had made the community more intelligent, more progressive and a better place to live in.

At the meeting of the 8th district at Thief River Falls, Miss Pringle gave a talk on County extension and Libraries for rural communities.

Miss Cowley attended the meeting of the 9th district at International Falls and gave a short talk on The work of the Commission.

Miss Pringle spoke on County libraries at the meeting of the 1st district in Dodge Center, May 18th and also served as a member of the committee of judges for the best graduating gown made by the High School girls.

A paper on children's reading will be read by Mrs. F. M. Manson, of Worthington, at the 2nd district meeting in Fairmont, June 8th. Miss Baldwin will represent the commission at this meeting.

#### LIBRARIES AND INSTITUTIONS

The library meeting at the National Conference of Charities and Correction, in Indianapolis, May 10-17, was one of unusual interest and profit.

The program was prepared by Miriam E. Carey, librarian for the state institutions of Minnesota, to whom the conduct of the session was turned over. Miss Carey called attention to the fact that only ten years had passed since library work in state institutions had been undertaken.

Miss Florence R. Curtis, teacher in the Illinois Library School, as the first speaker, presented a survey of institution libraries, giving an interesting comparison of statistics with those of public libraries.

Statistics from the public libraries show an average annual book circulation of three issues for each volume in the collection and an average of 15 volumes for each reader registered in a year. Twenty-three prison reports show a yearly circulation of 7 issues for each volume, 34 volumes per year for each inmate and 57 volumes for each reading inmate. Six other prisons which had aid from library workers had 11 issues for each volume, 92 volumes per year for each inmate and 109 volumes for each reading inmate.

Sixteen insane hospitals issued each volume 3.6 times, each inmate read an average of 1.7 books per year and each reading inmate, 23 books. In five other hospitals under the supervision of librarians, each volume circulated 5 times, each inmate read an average of 4 books a year and each reading inmate, 32 books.

In seven institutions for the feeble-minded, each volume was issued 1.6 times, each inmate read 2.8 volumes and each reading inmate 15 volumes. In four institutions which had been aided by library workers each volume was issued 4 times, each inmate read 3.4 volumes and each reading inmate, 21v.

Miss MacGregor, superintendent of the Hospital for crippled children, St. Paul, said that she buys fine picture books, not for general circulation but for table use and a reward of merit. Miss MacGregor selects the same sort of books to be used in the children's libraries and uses the same guides for book selection that are used in other libraries. Her hospital has a regular librarian who has hours for story telling for chil-

dren and conversations with the bed patients.

Mrs. D. B. Frazier, Columbia, South Carolina, asked to be put in touch with agencies which would assist her in getting books for the use of small negro children in her section. The problem elicited much sympathy and interest and the chairman was moved to assure her that the librarians of the country would find some way to help her. The need of these children is herewith urged on library commissions which operate outside their respective states and any other agencies for meeting the needs of such little citizens.

Rabbi Volmer of New Orleans, offered the following resolution:

That the session of the library workers petition the National Conference of Charities and Correction to establish a circulating library for the use of social workers in the South.

Miss Scott of Indianapolis called attention to the Manual which had been prepared by the A. L. A. committee on library work in state institutions and which would soon be ready. An attempt has been made in the Manual to answer the questions: What books shall I select; How shall I arrange them; How shall I keep track of them; How shall I get them to the readers; How shall I keep them in good condition.

A fine exhibit of the work in the Indiana state institutions prepared by the Public library commission of Indiana was on view.

#### A LIBRARY MAGAZINE CLUB

The following excellent suggestion comes from the Library Journal:

That small libraries which cannot afford individual subscriptions to the Library Journal, even at the special rate offered at \$2, might subscribe to it co-operatively, passing on the copies at regular intervals, after the manner of neighborhood magazine clubs. Or that the Commission subscribe to a number of copies, either sending them in rotation around a circuit, or putting them into the traveling libraries sent to supplement local book collections. There are always articles of interest and value to the small libraries as well as to the large ones, and the department of Library Work contains many of the newest ideas and records of experiments made in libraries the country over. A special \$2 rate is offered for du-

plicate copies sent to the Commission or direct to small libraries of limited income.

The Commission is interested in this suggestion and would be glad to have the names of libraries which would like to join such a magazine club. Public Libraries, New York Libraries and the Wisconsin Library Bulletin could also be included in the plan.

If a number of libraries subscribed perhaps 50 cents a year, enough additional copies could be secured to supply the circuit. Let us know if you are interested.

#### WANTED

Carleton College Library, Northfield, Minn. Library Journal, December, 1902. Public Libraries, March, 1908.

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul. Literary Digest. Title page and index for v. 50, Ja.—Je. 1915.

#### CORRECTION

Through an oversight of the compiler, the figures for the Minneapolis Public Library were omitted from the Statistical table on p. 6 of the Library Notes & News for March.

The receipts for 1914 were \$173,900.23; total vols. in library 291,831; borrowers, 85,968 and circulation 1,439,633.

#### WARNING

Certain persons styling themselves agents of a so-called "University Library Association" have been visiting a considerable number of communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin and collecting from individuals small sums on a contract to supply some sort of a library service. It is not known what promises were made but it is evident that, in many cases at least, the promised service has not been rendered. At least a score of complaints have, by reason of the similarity of name, found their way to the University Library.

We have endeavored without success to locate the organization and we have asked the Post Office officials to investigate but we are informed that the alleged activities of these persons do not come within the fraud statute.

We suggest that in case these agents appear in other communities, their credentials and responsibility should be examined with great care.

J. T. GEROULD.

Librarian University of Minnesota.

#### FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

**Carnegie Library, Austin, Minn.** Popular Science Monthly, 1880-1890, unbound. Will be sent for payment of freight.

**Public Library, Willmar, Minn.** O'Callaghan, E. B. Documentary history of the state of New York. 3v. Albany, 1850.

**Grace E. McKinstry, Faribault, Minn.** Atlantic Monthly, 1858-1910 (incomplete).

**Minnesota Public Library Commission, St. Paul.** Reader's Guide, 1910, 1911, 1912 (annual vols.). For payment of postage or express.

**Normal School Library, Winona, Minn.** Reader's Guide, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 (annual vols.). For payment of postage or express.

#### THE NEW LIBRARIAN'S ALMANAC

**June 12.** Summer School begins.

**June 26-July 8.** Mrs. Thorne-Thomsen lectures at Summer School on Children's literature. Arrange to be present, if possible. These lectures will be open to anyone interested in children's reading and you will be well repaid for coming.

**June 26-July 1.** American Library Association, Annual conference, Asbury Park, N. J. See program, page 17, and full particulars in A. L. A. Bulletin.

**July 1-8.** National Education Association, New York City. Plan to attend some of these meetings after the A. L. A. Librarians need to know more of modern educational methods and ideals.

**July 15.** You will have received the annual report blank from the Commission by this time. Please help us by sending it in promptly and don't wait for a second notice. We need the statistics in time to prepare a survey for discussion at the state meeting, as well as for compilation of the biennial report which must go to the printer early in the fall.

**July 4.** One library is planning to have a library float in the Independence Day parade. A suggestion has been offered of a huge book with inscriptions showing the library resources and the library's relation to good citizenship, with red, white and blue ribbons extending to actual books or book covers below.

July is a good month for vacations. Be sure to take one. You and your library will both be better for it.

**August.** During the quiet summer session

is a good time to take inventory, prepare magazines and books for binding, discard all badly soiled and worn books, catch up on mending, book orders, etc., make lists for club and school work, sort and file clippings and pamphlets.

Have you had your vacation?

**September 6-8.** Minnesota Library Association, Virginia, Minn. See program, page 18-19.

#### TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

The Minnesota Traveling Library had 656 active stations on May 1, 1916.

A map of Minnesota, showing the location of public and traveling libraries was sent to the Biennial meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs for the exhibit of the Literature and Library Extension Committee.

To meet the increasing demand for Finnish books, twelve new groups of six volumes each have been added to the list of traveling libraries.

**A. C.**

#### Package Libraries

There were more requests for special loans during the month of March, 1916, than ever before in the history of the Commission. During this month there were requests on 583 different subjects and 468 books and 1,880 pamphlets and articles were sent out as individual loans.

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**Subjects Books pamphlets**  
May, 1914 to May, 1915 2,698 1,826 11,050  
May, 1915 to May, 1916 3,246 2,602 12,280

One hundred and ten schools used the debate libraries on National Defense and at least 200 package libraries on this debate were sent out.

#### Club Libraries

A new edition of the pamphlet "Aids to study clubs" was issued in March. This contains a list of aids in preparing club programs and outlines, also the subject list of club libraries brought up to date, now numbering over a hundred.

Sixty clubs have already reserved study libraries for 1916-17, the most popular topic being South America.

For use of the study clubs the library has added the following collections of pictures:

Audubon bird pictures.

Merchant of Venice.

As you like it.

Abbey pictures of Shakespearean plays.

Elson's Here Shakespeare lived.

Shakespeare post cards.

American art.

Only 34 new club programs were sent in to the Commission last year, although nearly 400 were loaned to various program committees. These year-books are very useful and every club should send in at least one copy.

M. P. P.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTES.

A revised edition of the State High school board rules is now on the press. The library rules are not changed materially, but the statement regarding school and public library consolidation clarified.

The St. Paul public library through an arrangement with the Commissioner of Education has assumed charge of the public school libraries of St. Paul.

The M. E. A. meeting in St. Paul, Nov. 1-4, offers a program of interest to librarians. Mr. George H. Locke, of the Public Library, Toronto, will speak on the general program, Friday morning, Nov. 3rd, his subject being Efficiency of the spirit, and in the School libraries section Thursday afternoon, November 2nd. Miss Farr, chairman of this section has prepared a very interesting program for the two sessions.

M. W.

#### PERSONAL

Miss Martha Wilson, Supervisor of School Libraries, goes to California the last of July to give lectures at the Summer School at Riverside.

Miss Mary P. Pringle, Reference librarian of the Commission, has been given six months leave of absence and sails for Hawaii, June 28. She will substitute in the Library of Hawaii during August and September, and sail for Japan, September 29th with Miss Helen Stearns, formerly librarian of the Commission.

Mr. Alfred D. Keator, chief of the Technical Department of the Minneapolis Public Library, has resigned his position to become Associate Librarian of Carleton College.

A considerable change in the government of the Carleton College library has taken place. The library committee has been abolished and Dr. Walter M. Patton, professor of Biblical Literature, becomes director of the library. Miss Gladstone retains her present position as Reference librarian and Mr. Keator has been appointed professional librarian.

Miss Elizabeth Thorson, formerly Reference librarian for Branches, has been appointed Technical librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library to succeed Mr. Keator.

Miss Stella Wiley, formerly librarian at Hibbing, who was in charge of the Walker Branch, Minneapolis, during Miss Dinsmore's absence, became a member of the Branch Dept. in charge of factory libraries on April 1st.

Miss Ruth Willard, New York State Library School, '11-'12, formerly organizer for the Iowa Library Commission, has been appointed first assistant in the 36th St. Branch, Minneapolis.

Mr. William J. Hamilton, Minnesota Summer School, '09, New York State Library School, 1912, for several years assistant in the Minneapolis Public Library, and recently in the accession department of the New York Public Library, has been appointed assistant librarian of the Carnegie Library, Washington, D. C.

Miss Helen Prall, of the Omaha Public Library staff, has been appointed librarian of the public and school library at Keewatin to succeed Miss Ethel Stephens and will attend the summer school.

Miss Alma Penrose, librarian of West High school, Minneapolis, will teach in the Iowa summer school of library training. Miss Bessie Scripture, librarian of East High school, Minneapolis, will assist in the Minnesota summer school.

Miss Alice Farr, librarian of the Mankato Normal school, will spend the summer traveling in the West.

#### NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

(Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. They should be sent to the Secretary of the Commission by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.)

**Alden.** A bird day program consisting of the Spirit of Audubon, a moving picture of bird life, sent out by the National Association of Audubon Societies, and a lecture on common Minnesota birds, illustrated by colored slides, was given under the auspices of the Alden school and public library on May 17th. About two hundred children and adults attended the program.

Arrangements have been made to open the Alden library during the summer each Thursday evening from seven to nine o'clock.

**Anoka.** Mr. E. W. Avery gave the use of his telescope every pleasant evening during one week in May for the benefit of the library.

**Austin.** The library was used as a rest room and committee room during the State Sunday School convention, and was crowded with visitors. The Baby welfare exhibit was also held at the library and a list of books is being published to follow up the welfare week campaign.

**Belle Plaine.** A card party and dance was given May 5th to raise money for books.

**Benson.** The library was closed for several weeks during a scarlet fever epidemic. Before reopening, books which had been in infected homes were destroyed, and all books in the children's department were disinfected with the carbo-gasoline solution.

**Biwabik.** Such excellent use has been made of the school library this year, that a trained librarian will be employed next year in co-operation with the city.

**Brainerd.** The Children's Hour has been unusually active this spring. The Little Women play was given in February, and the first concert of the Junior Symphony orchestra in the Library Hall netted \$17.00 for new children's books. This was repeated at the opera house in connection with the Audubon Society film, "The spirit of Audubon." The entertainment was free to children, and expenses were covered by an admission fee of 25 cents for adults. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by young and old.

A series of hero stories, based on the Reading list, Heroism, issued by the New York Public Library has been very successful. The heroes included Father Junipero Serra, founder of the California missions, Booker T. Washington, Clara Barton, Audubon and other heroes of peace.

**Brown Valley.** The Carnegie library building is nearing completion.

**Canby.** "Way down East" was given by home talent for the benefit of the library and rest room on April 14th.

**Chisholm.** The Glee clubs of the High School and Eighth Grade have assisted at the Sunday afternoon concerts. The seating capacity of the library rooms has been taxed to the utmost.

The budget for the coming year calls for an expenditure of \$9,000. The annual report shows a total circulation of 44,850, almost

evenly divided between adult and juvenile readers, with more than 60 per cent of non-fiction. Over 300 meetings have been held in the club rooms during the year, and the total attendance at these gatherings was over 4,000.

**Cloquet.** The ladies of the Friday Club have furnished a rest room in the library. Any group of people may use the room for club meetings, committee meetings or other gatherings upon making application to the librarian or library board.

A loan collection of music has been started.

**Coleraine.** Traveling libraries have been loaned to the Taconite, Trout Lake and Lawrence Lake Schools.

A joint meeting with the Grand Rapids library board was held April 14th to discuss further development of county extension. A committee was appointed to prepare a budget and outline of work required for presentation to the county commissioners, with a view to securing a permanent tax levy for this purpose. An appropriation has been made from time to time to the Grand Rapids library, but it is felt that all libraries in Itasca county doing extension work should have a share in this apportionment.

**Crookston.** A large colored copy of Blashfield's "Source of the Mississippi" has been hung in the library. It is a copy of the painting in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, and was purchased with the fund raised by votes during the State Art Exhibit in 1914, which was not sufficient to buy an original painting. A program of music and addresses was given at the presentation, March 13.

A victrola has been purchased for the library, as the free concerts on Sunday afternoon have proved so successful.

**Dawson.** A gift of \$9,000 has been received from the Carnegie Corporation, and a suitable site has been purchased on the main street. The building will be heated from the city power plant.

**Duluth.** The librarian reports a very satisfactory growth in extension work outside the city. A new branch has been opened in a store at Lakeview.

The Central High School Game Protective League had an exhibit at the library in May consisting of over 1,000 specimens of birds and animals.

**Fairmont.** The Travel class held its annual book meeting at the library, with a discussion of some worth while books.

**Glencoe.** The comedy "What Happened to Jones" was given under the auspices of the Glencoe Library Association. It was also presented at Hutchinson and Silver Lake.

**Graceville.** A rest room has been furnished in the basement of the new library building for the benefit of out-of-town patrons.

**Grand Rapids.** The proceeds of an entertainment given by the Woman's club will be devoted to purchase of new books.

**Granite Falls.** The council made an appropriation of \$100 toward the expenses of the public library.

**Hibbing.** Plans are being made to enlarge the library building at a cost of about \$55,000. Following the closing of the saloons, a branch reading room was opened in the heart of the city where many saloons formerly flourished. A total of 2,265 men visited the room during the month of April.

**Hopkins.** The Girls' Athletic Society of the High School solicited books for the library and secured over 300 books. The walls of the library have been refinished.

**Howard Lake.** The ladies of the Library and Improvement Club gave a supper in the new hall April 15th.

**International Falls.** Miss Amy Cowley of the Library Commission assisted the librarian in revising her records, and met with the library board to discuss the future of the library. The library has outgrown its present quarters and the possibility of a Carnegie building is being considered.

**Jordan.** Under the auspices of the Community Club, a home talent play was given for the benefit of the library March 3.

**Kasson.** A lecture on Yellowstone Park by Miss May Knight of Minneapolis, illustrated by stereopticon views was given to raise money for new books.

The city council has passed a resolution to levy a tax of not to exceed two mills on the dollar for maintaining a Carnegie library. The Commercial Club is supporting the plan and has recommended the purchase of a site.

**Lake Crystal.** A co-operative meeting was held in the school house May 26, for discussion of the library question and the public

school as a community center. A library committee has been appointed.

**Leroy.** A book shower in March added 200 good books to the library.

**Litchfield.**—The library has been redecorated and the lighting system changed to indirect. The grounds have been planted with trees and shrubbery, under the direction of a landscape architect.

**Little Falls.**—A library book fund has been established, and the sum of \$250 a year for four years has already been promised. For the benefit of the fund, Miss Bess B. Lee gave a lecture entitled, "Across Country with a Trailer," illustrated with lantern slides. The slides are the property of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Weyerhaeuser and show pictures all the way from Tia Juana, Mexico, to Little Falls, by the way of the San Diego Exposition, the "King's Highway," the Panama-Pacific Exposition, Glacier Park and Yellowstone Park.

**Long Prairie.**—The pupils of the public schools gave an entertainment for the benefit of the public library, including a cantata, The Enchanted Wood, in which about 40 children took part. The proceeds were \$30.60.

**Madison.** The Library Literary Society, organized last winter, has held weekly meetings with instruction and entertaining addresses and discussions on a variety of topics.

**Mankato.**—The annual income for the library provided by the regular tax levy is \$4,000. For two years the council increased this amount to \$5,000, but the last year it was again reduced to \$4,000. As this has proved entirely inadequate for proper maintenance, the library board is making a strong campaign for a larger levy.

Books have been loaned regularly to Garden City for use in a men's reading-room.

**Maple Lake.**—The council has recognized the library by the appointment of a library board, and the library is open five evenings in the week and one afternoon.

Miss Wilson visited Maple Lake May 25th and 26th and the school library was classified, accessioned and marked. Mrs. Madigan of the school board, and teachers in the school assisted in the work.

**Minneapolis.**—The Thirty-sixth Street Branch was formally opened March 8th. The building cost \$35,000, and is the fourth Carnegie branch to be completed. The build-

ing is English Gothic in style, harmonizing with the High School building which is located a block away.

A new station was opened June 1st at Oak St. and Washington Ave. S. E.

A library training class will be started in September under the direction of Miss Countryman. Ten students will be admitted by examination given June 10th.

**Minneota.**—The Minneota public library is housed in a room adjoining the rest room. It has recently been thoroughly overhauled by Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholson, who was in the Summer School Library class of 1915.

Miss Wilson visited Minneota April 22nd and assisted Mrs. Nicholson in checking over the classification and other records. Mrs. Nicholson also has charge of the library work in the public school. A business and social meeting of the library board concluded a busy and interesting day.

**Montevideo.** The Catholic Encyclopedia has been presented to the library by the local Knights of Columbus.

**Moorhead.**—Verdi's opera Othello was given at the library on Sunday afternoon, April 9th, by means of Victor records. The club rooms have been in constant use during the winter by various organizations.

**Mountain Iron.**—During its first year 14,395 books were loaned from the public library, a record of 14 volumes per capita. There are 590 borrowers.

**New Richland** is building a fine new school house and will provide a room for the large school library.

The Tuesday Club has maintained a small public library in a down town building. Miss Wilson attended a joint meeting of the school board and the Tuesday Club to talk over plans for consolidation of the two libraries. A room on the ground floor of the new building will be provided for the library with a vestibule entrance. Beginning in the fall the library will be open at least one evening a week. The library service to be provided by the school will be supplemented by volunteer service from the Tuesday Club.

**Northfield.**—A gift of Norwegian books has been received from the Sons of Norway.

**Olivia.**—A chain of library teas has been started by the ladies of the library board.

**Ortonville.**—The library co-operated in the Baby-week campaign by placing some good children's books in a drug-store window,

and distributing pamphlets furnished by the Public Health Assn.

**Owatonna.**—The circulation of books through the school is increasing. In one school the principal placed the books of all grades under the supervision of one of the eighth grade students who keeps the record of circulation. The books for the upper grades have been limited to those of an exceptionally high standard with most favorable results, showing that if children come in contact with only the best, they will read the best.

**Park Rapids.**—The proceeds of the entertainment course for the past year, amounting to about \$50 have been given to the library board to be used in beautifying the library grounds.

**Proctor.**—The Business Men's Association has appointed a committee on public library.

The West Duluth Branch is open to residents of Proctor and many are making use of its advantages.

**Red Wing.**—A new system of registration has been started, abolishing the old system of guarantors, and requiring merely a reference of adults and the parent's signature for children.

**Redwood Falls.**—A committee has been appointed from the various clubs to make plans for opening a rest room in the basement of the library.

**Rochester.**—The present library building has been entirely outgrown. Although a small appropriation has been made for its enlargement, the library board is investigating the possibility of disposing of the present library property which is valuable for business purposes and building an entirely new building on another site.

**St. James.**—The suggestion has been made to the Hammond Memorial Commission that if the memorial is to be erected in St. James, it should be a library building, rather than a monument.

A one mill tax for the library was carried by a vote of 267 to 111.

**St. Louis Park.**—A musical entertainment was given for the library April 14th.

**St. Paul.**—A public delivery station has been opened in the Church Club, Portland Ave. and Dale street.

The responsibility for the administration of school libraries has been transferred to the Public Library.

Miss Anne Carpenter has presented to the

Library a collection of fifty Babylonian tablets formerly belonging to the Rev. John Wright.

The citizens of Merriam Park have presented to the City two lots on Marshall avenue, between Fairview and Dewey avenues as a site for a branch library. The site is valued at \$4,000.

During April the Public Library installed a collection of books relating to building construction and allied subjects in the offices of the Builders' Exchange, the membership of which is 261. It is planned to replace the collection monthly by more recent accessions, and keep with it an up-to-date list of all books of interest to builders.

A contract was awarded April 6th to Cameron & Company for the construction of the three branch library buildings made possible by a \$75,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation; and on April 18th contracts were awarded to M. J. O'Neill for the plumbing and heating equipment of the three buildings, and to the Northwestern electrical equipment company for the installation of the electrical equipment.

A bird guessing contest was held in the Children's room during the month of April. Pictures of Minnesota birds were exhibited on a bulletin board in sets of from four to six each week. Contestants were allowed to look the birds up in the various bird books which were put on the tables, and as the names were guessed they were written on slips of paper obtained at the desk. One hundred and fifty children entered the contest. Prizes consisting of bird games, bird guides and Boy Scout Guides contributed by the Humane Society, were given to the successful contestants.

This contest is being followed by a Wild flower guessing contest conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Garden Club.

**St. Peter.**—A book shower was arranged by the library board the first week in May.

**South St. Paul.**—The library board has decided to solicit funds in addition to the \$15,000 offered by the Carnegie Corporation for the erection of a library building.

**Staples.**—A library league, with dues of 50c a member has been organized to supplement the meager appropriation given by the city.

**Two Harbors.**—The library reading-rooms will be kept open Sunday afternoons if the patronage is sufficient.

**Virginia.**—The pictures listed below have been placed in the Virginia Public Library by the Library Board, the purchase having been made through the Beard Art Galleries of Minneapolis, Minn.:

Raeburn—Boy with rabbit; Taylor—Hiawatha; Golden stair; Castle of the maidens; Dominican walk; Cox—Book of verse; Lake in the woods; Dielman—History; Dielman—Law; Rudiszuli—The oak walk; Burne-Jones—Hope; Reynolds—Innocence; Boehme—Bay at Capri.

**Walker.**—A tag day was held in April to raise money for purchase of children's books.

Handsome pictures of the Coliseum and Sir Galahad were presented to the library.

**Waseca.**—The Carnegie Corporation has donated \$10,000 for a library building. The city council has accepted the gift and appropriated \$1,200 annually for its maintenance.

**Waterville.**—March 17th was tag day for the library.

**Wheaton.**—The community building at Wheaton has been talked of through the state. It is a beautiful building and affords much opportunity for community entertainment and community service. Community spirit is much in evidence in the town.

The Civic League of Wheaton has been active for a number of years, with the result that Wheaton presents a very trim and well kept appearance. The Tuesday Club of recent organization is another live woman's club and through the study of children's literature and story-telling has become greatly interested in providing library facilities for the children.

At the invitation of the clubs and school board Miss Wilson visited Wheaton, March 19th, to discuss ways and means for providing library service. A joint meeting of the clubs was held in the woman's room of the community building in the afternoon and an open meeting in the auditorium at night.

During the summer the school library will be housed in the woman's room and members of the Tuesday Club will keep it open once a week. Stories will be told the children in the auditorium. Miss Grace Corwin of the Wheaton school will attend summer school and be in charge of the school library next year.

A public library committee was appointed and arrangements are pending to provide library service next fall.